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Washington, 14 July (WashingtonTV)—The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom [USCIRF] on Monday expressed its alarm at the recent spate of bombings of churches in Iraq, which killed 4 people and wounded scores more over the weekend.

Six churches in and around Baghdad were bombed on Saturday and Sunday, and another attack targeted a church in the northern city of Mosul on Monday morning.

“The Iraqi government, which is now fully responsible for security in its cities, must apprehend and punish the perpetrators of this violence and must ensure that civilian property and lives, particularly of its most vulnerable citizens, are protected,” **said USCIRF chair, Leonard Leo.**